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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Veronique CHEVALIER, et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 1617
SERIAL NO.: 09/784,179 : EXAMINER: M. Willis
FILED: February 16, 2001 :
FOR: COMPOSITION BASED ON
N-CHOLESTERYLOXYCARBONYL-
4-PARA-AMINOPHENOL AND
HYDROQUINONE OR ONE OF ITS DERIVATIVES

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RESPONSE

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SIR:

The following is responsive to the Official Action dated July 2, 2002, concerning the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to cosmetic and dermatological compositions and to the use of such for the depigmentation and/or lightening of the skin, body hair and/or hair of the head.

As stated on the record, the present invention is directed to a composition which is especially effective in depigmenting or lightening the skin or hair and is a combination of N-cholesteryloxycarbonyl-4-para-aminophenol and hydroquinone or a hydroquinone derivative